

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01535-CRC**

BUZZFEED INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/27/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/27/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5558966) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/27/2018)
06/27/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 06/27/2018)
06/29/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zsb) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 06/29/2018)

07/11/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Lynn Schafer on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
07/23/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 7/13/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/23/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/16/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
07/23/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/16/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/15/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
08/15/2018	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 08/15/2018)
08/16/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's answer is due on or before September 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 08/16/2018. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
08/16/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 9/7/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
09/06/2018	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 09/06/2018)
09/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by September 21, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 09/06/2018. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/06/2018)
09/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 9/21/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 09/06/2018)
09/20/2018	<u>10</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Hendry, Melanie) Modified event title on 9/24/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/20/2018		VACATED PURSUANT TO MINUTE ORDER ENTERED 11/16/18.....MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall adhere to the briefing schedule as follows: Defendant's motion for summary judgment shall be filed on or before November 16, 2018; Plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judgment and opposition shall be filed on or before December 17, 2018; Defendant's opposition and reply shall be filed on or before January 25, 2019; Plaintiff's reply shall be filed on or before February 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 09/20/2018. (lccrc3) Modified on 11/19/2018 (zlsj). (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 11/16/2018. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 12/17/2018. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 1/25/2019. Replies due by 2/15/2019. (lsj) (Entered: 09/21/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Summary Judgment Motion</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/16/2018		VACATED PURSUANT TO MINUTE ORDER ENTERED 12/7/2018.....MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File and vacating the briefing schedule entered on September 20, 2018. The parties shall adhere to a briefing schedule as follows: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before December 7, 2018; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before January 7, 2019; Defendant shall file its reply and opposition on or before February 15, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its reply on or before March 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/16/2018. (lccrc3) Modified on 12/10/2018 (zlsj). (Entered: 11/16/2018)
11/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 12/7/2018. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 1/7/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 2/15/2019. Replies due by 3/8/2019. (lsj) (Entered: 11/19/2018)

12/06/2018	<u>12</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Summary Judgment Motion</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
12/07/2018		VACATED PURSUANT TO MINUTE ORDER ENTERED 12/21/2018.....MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File and vacating the briefing schedule entered on 11/16/2018. The parties shall adhere to the following briefing schedule: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before December 21, 2018; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before January 22, 2019; Defendant shall file its reply and opposition on or before March 1, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its reply on or before March 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/07/2018. (lccrc3) Modified on 12/21/2018 (zlsj). (Entered: 12/07/2018)
12/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 12/21/2018. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 1/22/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/1/2019. Responses due by 3/22/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Summary Judgment Motion</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		VACATED PURSUANT TO ORDER FILED ON 2/7/2019.....MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>13</u> Motion for Extension of Time and vacating the briefing schedule entered on 12/7/2018. The parties shall adhere to the following briefing schedule, and no further extensions shall be granted to Defendant: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before February 6, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before March 6, 2019; Defendant shall file its reply and opposition on or before April 5, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its reply on or before April 26, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/21/2018. (lccrc3) Modified on 2/7/2019 (znbn). (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 2/6/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/6/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/5/2019. Plaintiff's Reply due by 4/26/2019. (lsj) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
02/05/2019	<u>14</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Motion for Summary Judgment</i> , Unopposed MOTION to Modify <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Lyons, Jane) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>14</u> Motion to Modify Briefing Schedule and vacating the schedule entered on December 21, 2018. The parties shall adhere to the following briefing schedule: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before February 13, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before March 13, 2019; Defendant shall file its reply and opposition on or before April 12, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its reply on or before May 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 02/07/2019. (lccrc3) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 2/13/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/13/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/12/2019. Replies due by 5/3/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/13/2019	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Kristine Minami, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Lauren E.M. Skerrett, # <u>4</u> Declaration of Robert Carey, # <u>5</u> Declaration of David R. Sumners)(Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to BUZZFEED INC.. Attorney Matthew Lynn Schafer terminated. (Schafer, Matthew) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/13/2019	<u>17</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>Plaintiff's Combined Cross Motion for Summary Judgment and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Defendant's Summary Judgment Motion and in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by BUZZFEED INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Plaintiff's Statement of Undisputed Facts, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A – Imagine Prep, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B – Adams County, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C – East St. Louis, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D – Paducah, # <u>6</u> Exhibit E – Massachusetts College, # <u>7</u> Exhibit F – Baraboo, # <u>8</u> Exhibit G –Topic Declaration, # <u>9</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/13/2019)

03/13/2019	<u>18</u>	RESPONSE re <u>15</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Statement of Undisputed Facts</i> filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Topic, Matthew) (See also Docket Entry <u>17</u> to view opposition). Modified on 3/18/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 03/13/2019)
03/25/2019	<u>19</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/25/2019)
04/11/2019	<u>20</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 04/11/2019)